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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, IS, LE  
SUBJ: SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. UN SOURCE APRIL 8 REPORTS FIGHTING CONTINUING  
IN VICINITY VILLAGES EL KHIAM AND MARJAYOUN HELD BY  
PALESTINIANS AND CHRISTIANS RESPECTIVELY.  
OBSERVERS AT OP KHIAM REPORTED MANY ARTILLERY ROUNDS  
IMPACTING IN AND AROUND THESE TWO VILLAGES. WEAPONS  
USED INCLUDE TANKS (CHRISTIANS), ARTILLERY (CHRISTIANS,  
PALESTINIANS/LEFTISTS AND IDF), MORTARS (CHRISTIANS,  
IDF AND PALESTINIANS/LEFTISTS) AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNDS  
USED AS FIELD ARTILLERY (PALESTINIANS/LEFTISTS).

2. ELKHIAM IS STILL UNDER THE CONTROL OF PALESTINIANS/  
LEFTISTS WHO ARE DIRECTING THEIR FIRE (ANTI AIRCRAFT  
GUNS, MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS) AGAINST CHRISTIANS  
AT EL QLAIA AND MARJAYOUN. PALESTINIANS/LEFTIST  
INITIATED AN ATTACK APRIL 6 AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN  
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MARJAYOUN BUT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN DISLODGING LATTER.  
MANY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR ROUNDS (IDF AND CHRISTIAN)  
HAVE BEEN IMPACTING JUST NORTH EAST OF AND IN NORTHERN  
SECTION OF MARJAYOUN.

3. FOLLOWING ARE REPORTED SHELLINGS BY IDF INTO  
LEBANON APRIL 7:

(A) OP MAR OBSERVED 12 ARTILLERY ROUNDS FROM AMR 2015-2883 AND 120 MORTAR ROUNDS FROM AMR 2010-2925 IMPACTING IN THE VICINITY OF AMR 1995-2932, 1988-2955, 1990-2970 AND 2072-3076.

(B) OP KHIAM OBSERVED THE FIRING OF 65 ARTILLERY ROUNDS FROM AMR 2097-2955 IMPACTING IN EL KHIAM, ARNOUN (AMR 1995-3040) AND NORTH WESTERN PORTION OF MARJAYOUN.

(C) OP MAR OBSERVED THE FIRING OF 12 ARTILLERY ROUNDS FROM AMR 2040-2922 IMPACTING AT AMR 2000-2934.

4. OP KHIAM OBSERVERS ALSO REPORTED HEAVY ARMORED VEHICLE AND TANK MOVEMENTS ALONG WITH FIRE FROM AMR 2085-3000. THERE WAS VEHICLE AND TANK MOVEMENT ONLY AT AMR 2072-3005, AND AMR 2045-2985.

5. ACTING CHAIRMAN ILMAC HAS JUST REPORTED THAT NORMAL ROUTES IN VICINITY OF OP KHIAM HAVE BEEN MINED. UN ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE SAFE PASSAGE OF RELIEFS TO THIS OP.

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